

93<sup>d</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7268

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 1973

Mr. MOORHEAD of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

## A BILL

To amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, known as the Freedom of Information Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That section 552 of title 5, United States Code, is amended  
4 by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection;

5 “(d) (1) The head of each agency shall—

6 “(A) appoint, without regard to the provisions of  
7 this title governing appointments in the competitive  
8 service, a chief public information officer;

9 “(B) except in the case of an agency which is an  
10 executive department, fix the annual rate of pay of such  
11 officer at a rate not to exceed the annual rate of pay, as

1 in effect from time to time, of level IV of the Executive  
2 Schedule of section 5315 of this title; and

3 “(C) prescribe the duties of such officer, which  
4 shall include—

5 “(i) receiving all requests for records made  
6 under this section to the agency by which he is  
7 employed;

8 “(ii) approving such requests made to such  
9 agency, subject to reversal by the head of such  
10 agency;

11 “(iii) approving all fees charged by such  
12 agency to persons requesting records from such  
13 agency under this section, subject to reversal by  
14 the head of such agency;

15 “(iv) approving any rules proposed to be pub-  
16 lished by such agency under this section, subject  
17 to reversal by the head of such agency; and

18 “(v) approving all reports or memoranda which  
19 may be required to be submitted to the Congress  
20 regarding activities of or expenditures for public  
21 information purposes under this section subject to  
22 approval by the head of such agency.

23 “(2) The chief public information officer appointed by  
24 the head of each agency under paragraph (1) shall be an  
25 assistant to such head, and in the case of an agency which  
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1 is an executive department, such officer shall be Assistant  
2 Secretary of such Executive department.

3 “(3) The head of each agency may appoint and fix the  
4 pay of such personnel as necessary to assist the chief public  
5 information officer carry out his duties under this subsection.”

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